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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No: 09/833,540) Art Group Unit: Carlos N. Lopez
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Title: SUBSTANTIALLY DRY, SILICA-)
CONTAINING SOOT, FUSED)
SILICA AND OPTICAL FIBER)
SOOT PREFORMS, APPARATUS,)
METHODS AND BURNERS FOR)
MANUFACTURING SAME)

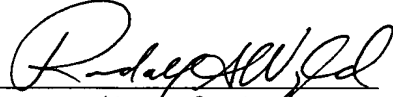
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Applicants, through counsel, respectfully request a One (1) month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), or such other extension of time as is necessary, to respond to the Office Action dated November 16, 2004 currently due December 12, 2004. Please charge the fee of \$120.00, and any additional fees or surcharges necessary to make this response timely, to the deposit account of the undersigned corporation, Deposit Account No. 03-3325, and credit any overpayment.

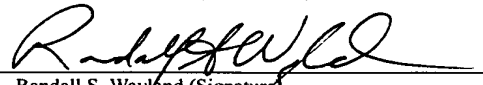
Respectfully submitted,

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